

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Scott M. Davis et al.)
Serial No.: 10/811,441) Group Art Unit: 1742
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For: STRUCTURALLY REINFORCED)
RESINOUS ARTICLE AND METHOD)
OF MAKING) Examiner: J. Morillo

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 16, 2007. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1 – 21 drawn to a process of forming an article, classified in Class 156, subclass 322; and Group II, Claims 22 – 27, drawn to an article, classified in Class 428, subclass 480. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I and II.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 22 – 27, Group II including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

Applicants note that the Examiner's reason for restriction is that "In the instant case the product claimed can be formed by a materially different process such as thermoforming..." (Restriction Requirement dated January 16, 2007, page 2) However, Claims 22 and 23 specifically state:

22. An article made by the process of claim 1.

23. An article made by the process of claim 20.

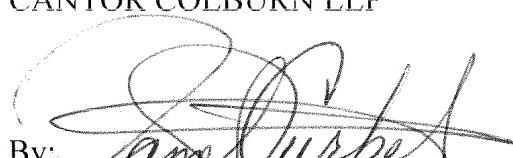
In other words, these claims depend from Claim 1 and Claim 20, respectively, and are required to be made in accordance with the process(es) of these claims; not by a different process. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement (or at least regrouping of the claims to include Claims 22 and 23 with Claims 1 – 21), are respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3621.

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